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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Conversation with [REDACTED]

1. Subject called to report the status of his dealings with the Counsel of the Kastenmeier Subcommittee concerning the Agency's mail intercept program. In essence, following subject's conversation with Mr. Blee, Subject called Bruce Lehman and told him that the Agency would not release him from his secrecy obligation to discuss the mail intercept program with Lehman or the Subcommittee in light of the press of other events and the delicacy of other arrangements with the Select Committees and their interest in these same areas of Agency activity.

2. Lehman (who on the basis of his several conversations with me believes there may be an opportunity for a off the record confidential session with Agency representatives, to provide the story to perhaps Kastenmeier himself alone or together with the Ranking Minority Member, Railsback) responded to [REDACTED] statement with some disappointment but indicated his understanding on the basis that something might be forthcoming from the Agency as a substitute. In the event nothing is forthcoming, Lehman referenced that the Subcommittee would have to resort to other measures.

3. As things stand now, Lehman expects a follow up call from me according to [REDACTED]

4. The ADD group still favors an approach to Kastenmeier on a confidential and privileged basis. The Director need not get involved personally, although in view of what is at stake, including an understanding audience to our surveillance needs, I think he should.

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